

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF STATE POLICE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 11/03/2004

STATE POLICE ANNOUNCING PRESS CONFRENCE FOR COMPLETION OF NEW A.F.I.S. (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)

Location: State Police Headquarters, Room #245

1111 County Club Road

Middletown, CT

Date: Friday, 11/05/2004

Time: 12:30

The Department of Public Safety and the State Police are proud to announce to completion of and the activation of the new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.F.I.S.).

A.F.I.S. is a state of the art system used to identify criminals and/or check the background of persons applying for positions which require background checks (teachers, police officers, school bus drivers, sports volunteers, etc.).

This new system, which has replaced an older version, was contracted by the State through the Cogents Systems of Pasadena, CA. The project which was partnered with the State Of Rhode Island was up and running prior to the project date of October 1st, 2004 and under the allotted budget.

The Connecticut A.F.I.S. is connected to the Integrated A.F.I.S. run by the F.B.I. in Clarksburg, W. Virginia. The electronic fingerprints devices (Live Scans) being set up at State Police Facilities and other Law Enforcement locations will allow fingerprint checks, that once took months, to be returned in minutes.

This press conference will demonstrate how this new technology works and how it will impact public safety.

Attending the conference will be **Governor M. Jodi Rell**, the **Commissioner of Department of Public Safety-Leonard Boyle**, Attorney Generals (CT and RI), State Police, Local Police, Chief State' Attorney, State Representatives, and representatives from Cogent.

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<u>AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENIFITCATION SYSTEM</u> (AFIS)

Location: State Police H.Q.

Country Club Rd.

Middletown, CT.

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Date: 11/05/04

The Connecticut Department of Public Safety has completed the install of the new AFIS system. This system, which replaces the state's 10 yr old system, is a state of the art system that has features unparalleled worldwide. It will revolutionalize how Connecticut identifies criminals and checks the criminal backgrounds of those seeking sensitive positions.

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Governor M. Jodi Rell, Commissioner Leonard Boyle, State Police, Local Police, Chief State's Attorney,

Attorney General, State Representatives, and Representatives from Cogent will all be on hand for this unveiling.

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Sgt. J. Paul Vance